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FIRST EDITION.

HARRISBURG.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
HARRISBURG, PA., March 17, 1876.

SENATE.

Bills Passed Finally—A supplement to an act for the appointment of special detective officers in any of the counties of the Commonwealth; making said detective officers general police officers, with the powers conferred on constables, &c.

A supplement to an act, entitled "An act relating to the assessment of damages arising from the opening of roads and highways and the construction of bridges," approved May 14, A. D. 1874.

A supplement to an act, entitled "An act declaring what offices are incompatible," approved May 15, A. D. 1874.

The joint resolution passed appropriating $4,257 to pay the expenses of the Governor's inauguration.

The act prescribing the manner in which the Councils of cities may pass ordinances authorizing the grading and paving of avenues, streets or alleys and the construction of sewers or bridges, was defeated.

The bill relating to the exemption of property from levy and sale on execution and distress for rent, declaring the waiver thereof by a debtor, except in certain cases, void, was indefinitely postponed.

The Governor sent the following nominations of notaries public to the Senate for confirmation: R. B. Richards, Pittsburgh; Robert M. Holland, Braddocks, Allegheny county; Eli McCormick, Irwin, Westmoreland county; George Plummer, West Newton, Westmoreland county.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. Stotzer introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a free commission to correct the orthography of the laws of Pennsylvania. This action was predicated on the late action of the American Philogical Association, and the request of Professor March, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and other philologists of the State. The resolution was sent to the Committee on Education.

Petitions from over three thousand women of Pennsylvania were presented asking the Legislature to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate and report upon the effects of the alcoholic liquor traffic; second, to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; if this may not be, to enact that no license to sell intoxicating drinks be issued, except when a majority of the women residents, as well as men, desire it.

Mr. Irwin introduced a bill making an appropriation for the Homeopathic Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Long introduced a bill confirming titles acquired from aliens or corporations.

Bills Passed Finally—Repealing an act relative to committing magistrates in Northampton county, approved the 15th day of February, 1870.

A further supplement to an act to provide for the admission of certain classes of insane into hospitals for the insane in this Commonwealth and their discharge therefrom, approved April 20, 1869.

Mr. Long offered a resolution fixing Thursday next for the consideration of the Boom bill.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA

St. Patrick's Day Postponed—Commencement of Women's Medical College—Mt. Morish Cemetery Troubles Again.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—There is no public celebration of St. Patrick's Day here, it having been decided to postpone its celebration until the Fourth of July.

The twenty-fourth annual commencement of the Women's Medical College took place yesterday afternoon. Twelve ladies graduated, and received the degree of M. D., under the decision of the Supreme Court.

The body of Henry Jones, colored, is soon to be buried in the lot owned by Mrs. Jones in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, but in the meantime a sister of Mrs. Jones has died, and it is proposed to inter her body at the same time with that of Mr. Jones. The cemetery authorities oppose this, claiming this is a decision of the court only authorizes the burial of Henry Jones, and not of any other colored person. There is a prospect of further litigation.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 17, 1876.

OBSERVANCE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

St. Patrick's Day in the morning was dark and dreary, but after a heavy shower the sun shone out from the clouds, bright and warm, but a brisk wind and bright sun could not dry the streets which were heavy with mud. Notwithstanding, there was the usual parade of military organizations and civic societies. The procession was not as large as formerly, owing to the almost entire absence of Father Mathew societies and a great decrease in the number of church societies. The procession was reviewed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and marched past the residence of Cardinal McCloskey. Balls and banquets to-night brought the festivities to a close. There was a grand service in the Cathedral in the morning.

The customary parades, insom and panegyrics characterized the day in adjacent cities. In Boston and other cities east there were similar celebrations, only that Boston observed at the same time the evacuation of that city by the British, one hundred years ago.

In Washington and other places south and north, there was the old-time commemoration of Ireland's patron saint, with solemn masses, panegyrics and processions.

New Hampshire Election.

CONCORD, March 17.—Returns from all towns and cities in the State, save two, Eaton and Randolph, give Cheney 41,665, plurality over Marcy, and 3,281 majority over all, the total vote being: Cheney 41,665, Marcy 37,975, Kendal and scattering 429. The two towns to be heard from gave last year: Cheney 51, Roberts 149.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day—Clear or clearing weather, lower temperature than on Friday, fresh and brisk northerly to westerly winds and rising barometer.

The Bank of California has levied a third assessment of ten per cent.

The steamer City of Montreal, from Liverpool, has arrived at New York.

The time for holding the Virginia Democratic Convention is changed to May 31.

Fourteen bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Norwich alms house fire.

Crook's expedition against the Sioux has arrived at Fort Fetterman and established his supply camp there.

A dispatch from Col. Brisbin, who was sent to the relief of Fort Pease, announces that he found eighteen white and one colored man, and brought them away.

A foot of snow fell yesterday in the northern portion of New York and in portions of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. At last accounts it was still snowing.

The second trial of the E. B. Ward will case, at Detroit, which commenced on Tuesday, was yesterday withdrawn from court, the contestants and proponents having arranged a settlement.

Castelar made a four hours' speech in the Cortes on Thursday. He criticised the policy of the Ministry on its course on the religious question. He declared that Ultramontanism had created the civil war.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Ohio, and a number of prominent Democrats met at Columbus this morning, and after a full discussion decided to issue a call for a State Convention, to meet in Cincinnati on the 17th of May.

The Opera House at Springfield, Illinois, was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. It cost $13,000 and was owned by Jacob Bunn. H. E. Mueller & Bro., wholesale dealers in liquors and cigars, lose $25,000; F. Schultz, druggist, $20,000; A. Spies & Bro., saloon, $1,000; Hauratly, gas fixtures, $5,000; James, repairer of musical instruments, $3,000, and the Turnverein about $700.

Telegrams from points throughout the Northwest indicate that the two days' storm, ending Thursday night, was the most widely extended that has visited that section for months. Telegraph poles and wires have been prostrated in every direction. Streams have risen in nearly every locality, and have in some instances overflown. Snow has fallen from two to six inches in depth, and the wind has done some damage, though no casualties are reported.

Gold in Pittsburgh.

The names of those finding gold dollars in the Gold Soap will soon be published.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Coming Back.

Bad for Belknap and Pendleton.

Bristow's Views on Silver Resumption.

CHANCES OF DANA'S CONFIRMATION.

Republican Senatorial Caucus.

President's Peace Policy to be Sustained.

Every Feasible Reduction in Appropriations Indorsed.

All Others to be Resisted, with an Appeal to the People.

Post Tradership Investigation Continued---Interesting Revelations.

Inquiry into Senator Spencer's Election Begun.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17, 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh to Return.

It is rumored that Solicitor Wilson and Mr. Washburn, Chief of the Secret Service Division, have gone to Montreal, armed with the necessary authority to secure the free return of Caleb P. Marsh, by promising immunity to Marsh. It is expected that his testimony and that of Mrs. Marsh will not only be sufficient to convict General Belknap, but put Mr. Pendleton in a very unenviable position.

The Silver Resumption Question.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a recent conference with the House Committee on Appropriations on the substitution of silver for fractional currency, made the remark that while every arrangement had been made to issue the silver coins and to keep up the supply, he could not tell what change in the relative value of silver and currency, in their relation to gold, might take place in the future, and that therefore he could only speak for the present, which indicated a success. Mr. Randall, who has the matter in charge, says that the bill will pass, while other members of the committee have their doubts.

The Nomination of Mr. Dana.

In conversation to-night, several influential Senators said that there would in all probability be a stubborn fight over Mr. Dana's confirmation. His friends say that he will be able to give a satisfactory explanation of the charged literary piracy, and that they are determined to sustain him. Should the report of the committee be adverse, which is now indicated, his confirmation will not be easy.

Republican Caucus—Indian Policy and Appropriation Bills Discussed.

The Republican Senatorial Caucus to-day considered the Indian policy and the appropriations for carrying on the Government. The attendance was small, so that final action was delayed. It is intended that, despite the opposition of some, the Administration Indian peace policy will be sustained in the appointing of Indian agents on the recommendation of religious denominations. The rejection of two of these agents was effected by a few Republicans uniting with the Democrats.

In regard to the appropriation bills, a disposition was manifested to accede to the House reductions, so far as they would not impair the efficient administration of the Government. It was also said that the reductions proposed by the House committee were such that it would be impossible to carry on the public business if they should be adopted. It was thought that the House, in refusing to non-concur in the Senate amendments to the West Point bill and declining to ask for a committee of conference, shows a determination to adhere, and the House committee say they will make a stand on all the bills. It was stated in the caucus that the Democrats in the House will not unitedly follow the lead of the committee. The disposition manifested in the caucus was to make this issue with the House, believing that the people will sustain the Republicans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17, 1876.

SAFE-BURGLARY GOSSIP.

A letter has been received in this city from a person prominently connected with the previous investigation and trial of the Harrington safe-burglary conspiracy, stating that the so-called confessions of Nettleson, Cunz and Harrington were but another chapter in this conspiracy. The confessions implicated no one of any particular prominence. The letter also states that the only man who could and would tell the whole story is Colonel Whitely, ex-Chief of the Treasury secret service, who has been run out of the country by the District ring, and is now engaged in stock and cattle raising in Mexico. Several other letters of a similar import have been received.

INVESTIGATION OF POSTOFFICE STRAW BIDDING.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads to-day examined Wm. A. Danforth, of Chicago. He testified that Sanderson, of the firm of Barlow, Sanderson & Co., had informed him that they paid large sums of money to officers in the Postoffice Department, under Postmaster General Creswell's administration, to secure valuable Western mail contracts by means of straw bidding devices. Sanderson lived with witness in Kansas City, and they were intimate friends. Sanderson told him the firm were bled heavily by the postoffice officials and that they paid to one of them not less than $5,000 per quarter; to another they had given a span of horses, and to another a diamond pin, worth a thousand dollars. No names were given by Sanderson in making these assertions. Witness said he had seen one of the books of the firm, which showed that they set aside a considerable proportion of their receipts from mail contracts to be devoted to such payments. Barlow lived East and attended to paying out the money. Witness said that subsequently Sanderson informed him that they had burned their books, and suggested that he had better not remember what had been told him on this subject.

The committee will next examine the bookkeeper of Barlow, Sanderson & Co.

Witness said that the proclamation of the President extending the Great Sioux Reservation enhanced the value of the posts on that reservation. Cheyenne and Standing Rock were on the Great Sioux Reservation. The effect of the proclamation was to drive away all competition.

Question—Do you know the reason which induced the issuance of the proclamation?

Answer—It was generally understood out there that it was through the influence of Orville Grant.

Question—To close out all competition?

Answer—Yes, sir; which it did.

INVESTIGATION OF SENATOR SPENCER.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day began an investigation of the charges brought against Senator Spencer, of Alabama, that he secured his election by corrupt means. Spencer was present, with his counsel, Hon. Matt. Carpenter, assisted by Chas. E. Meyer, Chairman of one of the two Republican State Committees of Alabama. General John S. Morgan appeared in behalf of the memorialists of the Alabama Legislature.

John J. Moulton, postmaster at Mobile at the time of Spencer's election, and now Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at that point, was examined by General Morgan, especially in relation to the testimony given before a committee of the Alabama Legislature last April, in which he [Moulton] stated that money was used to secure Spencer's election. Gen. Morgan read from the testimony of this witness, and asked if the answers as printed were correct. Moulton, in every instance where the printed answers contained an intimation of his knowledge of corruption, emphatically denied that he had ever given any such testimony. He specially denied the statement attributed to him in the printed testimony that he had asked Spencer for $10,000, but said he had requested a loan of $5,000, and that subsequently Spencer handed him a check for $2,250, which he [Spencer] said was all he could spare at that time. Witness afterwards repaid this money.

General Morgan then asked witness if he had not heard Jerome J. Hinds say that a certain State Senator had been fixed.

The latter objected to the question on the ground that no conspiracy had been shown to exist between Spencer and Hinds.

Gen. Morgan rejoined that the connection would be established at a subsequent stage of the proceedings.

Mr. Carpenter's objection was sustained.

THE POST TRADERSHIPS — GOVERNOR CAMPBELL DEFENDS HIMSELF—TESTIMONY OF C. K. PECK—SURVEYOR GENERAL BABCOCK IMPLICATED.

Ex-Governor Campbell, of Wyoming, now one of the Assistant Secretaries of State, was before the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department to-day and read a dispatch published in the New York *Herald*, dated Bismarck, including him with others in the sale of post traderships, and said he appeared here, voluntarily, to deny under oath every statement concerning him in that article. He had never in any way, directly or indirectly, been concerned in the sale of post traderships, or in any bargain effecting post traderships, and no one for him had been authorized to use his name in connection with the sale or barter of post traderships. He said he did not know of any post traders having paid money to the Secretary of War, or to any other person for the privilege. He had heard such charges in Wyoming, but nothing definite, nor could he say who told him.

C. K. Peck, of the firm of Durfe & Peck, who were post traders at Forts Sully, Rice, Stevenson and Buford, testified that the tradership at Fort Buford was taken from the firm and given to A. C. Leighton. Gen. Hedrick was a partner of Leighton. J. W. Vaughn was designated to succeed the firm at Fort Stevenson. The firm was put out, as Mr. Peck understood, through Orville Grant. James P. Fitz succeeded the firm at Fort Rice; Fitz, in conversation with him, attributed his appointment to the fact that he [Fitz] had been attentive to Mr. Tomlinson, an invalid who had been placed in his care, and a brother of Mrs. Belknap. Mr. Athey was appointed to succeed the firm at Fort Sully; Peck said he had a conversation with the Secretary of War, who told him the appointment had been given to Athey by order of President Grant, and that was the reason why his firm was put out; Athey had been clerk for W. C. Babcock, Surveyor General of Kansas and a brother of General Babcock, the President's late secretary; it was a valuable post when the firm had it, netting about $10,000 a year; the firm entered into a contract with Athey, who had no means; W. C. Babcock came to see the firm about a contract to employ Athey at the rate of $1,500 a year until he could furnish means to purchase the stock and supplies of Durfe & Peck; Athey subsequently obtained such means; witness supposed the appointment was procured through the influence of Surveyor General Babcock; in fact, it was understood between him and Athey. It further appears from the testimony, that Durfe & Peck were Indian traders at Cheyenne under a license to Durfe & Peck's agent, and were succeeded by Geo. Felt, to whom the firm sold their stock at satisfactory prices. Witness understood that Felt's appointment was through the influence of Orville Grant. The post was worth from $8,000 to $10,000 a year. The trade at Standing Rock was worth about $10,000 a year. Witness attributed the removal of the firm at that place to Orville Grant. Having understood that an order for a renewal in the name of Durfe & Peck was issued from the Indian Bureau, witness asked the Secretary of the Interior about it, and the Secretary informed him that the order was issued by the direction of the President. The Secretary said that if he did not cut off a head when he was ordered to do so, the President would cut his head off. There was no complaint whatever against the firm of Durfe & Peck. Witness detailed the character of the contract with Athey; in consideration that he would buy the stock and retain Peck, he was to receive a salary at the rate of $1,500 a year until he should do so; this was done to protect the interests of the firm; Athey had $40,000 worth of goods at the post, and as Athey might haul goods there at any time; until Athey should buy the goods of the firm, they were to pay Surveyor General Babcock $750 a quarter; this they did for three quarters, making the sum of $2,250; this was in consideration of Babcock's having procured the contract.

Adjourned.

THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The House Committee on Commerce to-day voted to report adversely on what is known as the double liability clause of Representative Sayler's Steamboat bill.

THE JOB IN SOLDIERS' TOMBSTONES.

Maurice J. Walsh, of New York, appeared before the Committee on Military Affairs to-day, in reference to soldiers' tombstone contracts. He claims that although his bid for first-class Carrara marble was only some $900,000, out of which $200,000 was to come back to the Government in the shape of duty on the imported article, the contract was given to a Mr. Bridges, of Keokuk, Iowa, for $900,000 for American marble of a very inferior quality and without any such advantage to the Government. He charges also that Bridges' bid was put in after the hour fixed for opening the bids, and after two of his own [Walsh's] had been opened. He asserts that Bridges was also favored to the extent of $75,000 in a change of requirements in the specifications, after the bids were in.

KILBOURNE WRITES TO SPEAKER KERR.

Kilbourne has written a letter from jail to Speaker Kerr, reminding him that it is his duty to certify the facts in his case to the District Attorney, that he may bring the matter before the Grand Jury, and demanding that the certificate be given so that he may enjoy the full benefit of speedy and public treal by an impartial jury.

THE TREASURY ROBBERS—ONE SENTENCED.

B. B. Halleck, convicted yesterday of the larceny of $47,000 from the Treasury, was to-day sentenced to four years' imprisonment at hard labor in the Albany County Penitentiary. Ottman, indicted in the same case, was then put on trial.

CHICAGO WHISKY CASES.

Most of the Indicted Plead Guilty.

CHICAGO, March 17.—In the Federal Court this morning, the whisky cases, known as the "last batch," were called. They include Hesing, Rehm, Hoyt and a number of gaugers, distillers and rectifiers. Hesing pleaded guilty to the two counts of one indictment which charge him with conspiracy and with removing whisky. The remaining counts of that indictment and the other indictments were passed by the Court and action on them will be taken at some future time. Rehm pleaded guilty to the entire indictment against him, reserving the question for argument as to whether the indictment sets out more than one actual offense. The other indicted parties, with but few exceptions, pleaded guilty to most of the counts in the indictments. The trial of Keeley and Kerwin was set for to-morrow.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

Wash Rocknell was shot and killed by R. Despotiso, at New Orleans, yesterday.

The President has recognized Maximilian Schamberg and Frederick Bechlotsheim as Consuls of Austria and Hungary at Pittsburgh and St. Louis, respectively.

Josiah Turner, editor of the Raleigh *Sentinel*, and W. H. Herverton, Secretary of State of North Carolina, have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy and libel.

Governor Ames, of Mississippi, appeared by counsel yesterday in the Court of Impeachment and was granted ten days to answer. Lieutenant Governor Davis has resigned, and Cardozo, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will do likewise.

John McWhorten, Major C. E. Wills (Governor Kellogg's brother-in-law), T. W. Eaton, Samuel Hammond, Behan and Thorne, indicted at New Orleans for conspiracy to defraud the Government in whisky matters, were arraigned yesterday, pleaded not guilty and were bailed in $5,000 each.

Rev. Mansfield French, popularly known as Chaplain French, a prominent Methodist minister, and a widely known friend of the colored people, died at his residence, Pearsalls, Long Island, on Wednesday morning, at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. French was born in Vermont, and began his theological studies in Kenyon College, Ohio, in which State he preached for some time.

The Republican County Committee met in Clarion on the 15th inst., and selected G. W. Ralph, of East Brady, and John B. Patrick, of Clarion, as Representative delegates to the State Convention. The Senatorial delegate was conceded to Forest county. R. Rulofson, Esq., was recommended for delegate to the National Convention. The committee fixed the 20th day of May next as the time for the primary meetings.

Sad Experiences in Music.

The sad experience made of late by a great proportion of the community in the purchase of bogus pianos and shoddy organs have caused the demand for the genuine Steinway Pianos, and the Burdett Organs to be greater than ever. People are beginning to see that to buy a Steinway is to save money: that the difference in the cost of a Steinway and an ordinary, common piano is too trifling to stand in the way of the purchase of the former. Mr. H. Kieber, of the old-established firm of H. Kieber & Bro., 122 Wood street, has just secured a fine Steinway for about $400, a Dunham Piano for $350, a Hallet & Cumston, Boston, for $300, a Cabinet & Sons, for $250, etc. Also the famous Burdett Organs at $100 and upwards. Kieber's is considered about the safest house in the city to deal with. They are strictly reliable and they never resort to deceptions and mean tricks to make people buy of them.

Rising Sun Flour.

Best in use.

Massachusetts Republicans in Council.

BOSTON, March 17.—A conference of prominent Republicans was held at Worcester last evening, to secure a State delegation to the National Convention which will give the voice of Massachusetts for the candidates whose character will be a guaranty of purity and ability. Paul A. Chadbourne, President of Williams College, presided, and there was a general discussion as to the need of reform. Committees were appointed on address and on correspondence. A majority of those who expressed their views favored Bristow or Adams for the Presidency.

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WANTED—TO SELL—ONE THOUSAND Cook Stoves, the cheapest and best in the city. Also have secured a first class baker. Call and examine at 317 Liberty street.

WANTED—PARTIES DESIRING A regular line of Tubs, Buckets, Brooms, Washboards, Ringers, Sad Irons, Coal Buckets, Clothes Bars, Step Ladders, Tinware and everything needed in a kitchen, cheap for cash. Call at 317 Liberty street.

WANTED—TO SELL OR RENT—Very fine Residence on Greenfield avenue, ten minutes' walk from Langley's Station. The house contains 8 Rooms, with wide porch, full length of house, and in front of kitchen, and in front of the rear center of house, cistern at door, with lawns, roads and walks, and plenty of flowers will laid out with 7 acres of ground large orchard with choice selection of fruit trees, dwarf and standard, with large stable, carriage house and hay loft; spring house, with excellent spring of soft water, and one of the finest views in the country. Will rent the house and lot to a tenant if desired. For further information inquire of W. M. MCKEE, 317 Liberty street.

WANTED TO RENT—THAT DESIRABLE Bake House, with oven, formerly occupied by John Shepard, at 317 Liberty street. Also, one second-story and third story large rooms, well suitable for commission or offices, or manufacturing light goods.

WANTED—TO SELL—A GOOD OPPORTUNITY for any person wanting to go into the Stove and Housefurnishing Business. Want to sell my entire large stock of Stoves, Grates, Fenders and Housefurnishing Goods, and good will or would buy into the business. Am advantageously connected with the same. Having a large stock, bought for cash, and good trade, I can offer extra ordinary inducements, as I am not able to attend to this and my other business. Call and examine at 317 Liberty street.

WANTED TO SELL—50 BUILDING Lots on Greenfield avenue, five minutes' walk from Langhlin's station, close to the Greenfield and Mile Run, and adjoining new school house, at reasonable price and long payments. WM. MCKEE, 317 Liberty street, or on premises. Tus

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ROOM—A LARGE FURnished Front Room, at 354 Penn street.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—NO. 10 Wood street. Inquire of J. ROBINSON, No. 27 Wood street. tf

FOR RENT—ROOMS—THREE ROOMS, suitable for a Printing Office. Best location in the city—354 Penn street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—FOUR-STORY Brick Building, No. 74 Wood street, Inquire of HAYS & GETTY, Market street wharf.

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FOR RENT—LARGE STOREROOM—No. 14 Sixth street, at present occupied by the Wilson Sewing Machine Company. Apply to BISSELL & CO., 235 Liberty street.

FOR RENT—4 NICE DWELLINGS—ON Hiland avenue, East End; large ground; with fruit trees; rent very low. Inquire of LOCKHART & FREW, 174 Wood street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—ON MT. WASHington, modern House nearly new, containing 8 Rooms, bath room, Gas and Water; pleasant location to a good tenant. Address P. O. Box 249, city.

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FOR RENT — DWELLING — HOUSE No. 24, Ross street, between Diamond and Dr. G. L. McCook; easy of access; good location; will rent low to a good tenant. Inquire of W. I. TROTH, at Safe Deposit Co., No. 83 Fourth avenue. tf

FOR RENT—FURNISHED DWELLING—Situate on Boop street, East End, convenient to railroad and street cars; house contains 9 Rooms, bath room, hot and cold water, gas and heater. Inquire at 351 Liberty street, up stairs, between the hours of 9 and 10 A. M., daily.

FOR RENT—BRICK HOUSE—OF 9 Rooms, bath room, inside water closet, range, wash room in cellar, with hot and cold water, and gas throughout, with back yard; situate on Arch street; rent $500. H. M. BOYLE, National Insurance Company, 43 South Diamond street, Allegheny, Pa.

FOR RENT—DWELLING—A BRICK Dwelling House, situated on Aiken avenue, at Negley Station, Penn Railroad, containing seven kitchen and pantry on first floor, 4 bed rooms on second floor; gas, hot and cold water range in kitchen; a large lot for garden will be rented reasonable. Apply at 194 Liberty street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A HANDSOME Brick Dwelling House, on Cliff street, Parnors, Birmingham, with Kitchen on first floor; Dairy Cellar, 3 Bedrooms and finished Attic, Water and modern conveniences. The house is three from street to street. Will be rented reasonable. Possession given immediately. For particulars app y to WM. EVANS, Commercial office.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—ONE 2-STORY Brick House of 11 Rooms and Cellar. Good Water and Gas. Brick Stable, Carriage House. Apple and Peach Orchard; also, a good Cherry Orchard of 10 Acres of Land. One mile from Bridgeville; also, one mile from Woodville, on Chartiers Railroad. For further particulars inquire of Dr. PRESTLEY, owner, or WM. NICHOLSON, Agent, Woodville.

FOR RENT—DRY GOODS STORE—The Store on Dry Goods Row, next door to that of E. Groetzinger, corner of Federal street and Park way, Allegheny. Present situation in the city for Dry Goods or Trimmings; plate glass windows, cassitic tile floor, elegant counters and shelving complete. Also, a good Dwelling House at Sewickley. Inquire of ROBERT H. DAVIS, 116 Federal street, Allegheny, upstairs.

FOR RENT OR SALE—HOUSE—NEW two-story Frame House, with Bay Window, containing 6 rooms, Cellar and Hall; Gas and Water in Kitchen. Lot 45x200, with Garden, Grapevines, &c. Located on Grandview avenue, Mount Washington, near the proposed site for the new Incline Plane. Thirty-fifth ward, commanding the finest view in the city. Rent moderate to good tenant. For particulars, &c., apply to E. ABEL, Commercial office.

FOR RENT—COUNTRY PROPERTY—Desirable Country Property, embracing large Dwelling, Stable, Spring House and 11 Acres of Ground, well stocked with Fruit Trees of choicest varieties. Nearly all of the land has southern exposure, and is well adapted for Gardening purposes. Situated in Fifth ward, Allegheny, near Superior Station, Fort Wayne Railroad; also, Manchester street cars. Will rent for one year, or for term of years. Possession at once. L. H. SMITH, 43 Sixth street.

FOR RENT OR SALE—HOUSES—FIVE Brick Houses. Four of the Houses have 4 Rooms each, and one 9 and a Storeroom, well calculated for a Boarding House or Saloon. Situated in Finished Attics. I will rent low to good tenants, or will sell the block for the small sum of $10,000. $4,000 or $5,000 in hand, balance in two yearly payments, with interest. The Lot is large, and has a frontage of 70 feet on Hatfield street not yet built on. For further information inquire of Col. L. B. DUFF, 128 Fifth avenue, or W. I. CRILCOAT, on Forty-fifth, near Hatfield street. Tus

ELECTION NOTICES.

☞ PITTSBURGH AND YUBA RIVER MINING COMPANY.—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Company for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the General Office of the Company, in the city of Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, No. 178 Wood street, corner of Sixth avenue, city of Pittsburgh, on the THIRD MONDAY OF APRIL, 17th, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

T. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.
Pittsburgh, March 17, 1876.

☞ ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the General Office of the Company, in the city of Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, April 11, 1876, at 11 o'clock A. M., to elect a Board of Directors to serve one year, and to transact such other business as may be legally brought before them.

By order of the Board of Managers.
THOS. R. ROBINSON, Secretary.
Pittsburgh, March 11, 1876.

☞ OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.—The annual Election for seven Directors of this Company will be held on TUESDAY, March 28th, 1876, at the General Office of the Company, No. 238 Fourth avenue, Philadelphia, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH LESLEY, Secretary.
Philadelphia, March 15, 1876.

☞ THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the FORT PITT COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of A. H. English & Co., No. 98 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1876, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing nine Directors, a Treasurer and a Clerk, to serve during the ensuing year.

S. MCCRICKART, President.
Pittsburgh February 28, 1876.

OLD TEA HOUSE

TEAS,
A SPECIALTY.

PRICES REDUCED TO-DAY!

What One Dollar Will Buy.

9 cans Green Corn.....$1 00
8 cans Tomatoes (2-lb. can).....1 00
8 cans Pie Peaches (2-lb. can).....1 00
8 cans Yellow Table Peaches (2-lb. can).....1 00
8 cans Blackberries.....1 00
8 cans Blueberries.....1 00
8 cans Cherries.....1 00
8 cans Pears.....1 00
5 cans Pineapple.....1 00
8 cans Strawberries.....1 00
8 cans Whortleberries.....1 00
4 pounds Fresh Roasted Coffee.....1 00
(Coffee Roasted Every Morning.)
10 pounds New French Prunes.....1 00
10 pounds New Turkey Prunes.....1 00
10 pounds A Sugar (white).....1 00
10½ pounds Ex. C Sugar (white).....1 00
11 pounds Light Yellow Sugar.....1 00
20 bars Wax Soap.....1 00
12 pounds New Carolina Rice.....1 00
12 pounds New Currants.....1 00
10 bottles French Mustard.....1 00
10 glasses Fruit Jelly.....1 00
10 boxes Lye.....1 00
12 pounds Gloss Starch.....1 00
12 pounds Corn Starch.....1 00
12 pounds New York Water Crackers.....1 00
12 pounds Soda Crackers.....1 00
12 pounds Oyster Crackers.....1 00
9 pounds Choice Sugar Corn.....1 00
10 pounds Dried Peaches.....1 00
12 pounds Georges Codfish.....1 00
2 pounds Uncolored Japan Tea.....1 00
2 pounds Black Tea.....1 00
2 pounds Oolong Tea (New).....1 00
2 pounds English Breakfast Tea (New).....1 00
FLOUR, (Winter Wheat) AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

☞ Send for the new Catalogue and Price List.

D. M. Jenkins,
20 FIFTH AVENUE,
PITTSBURGH, NEW NO. 28.

WANTED—INFORMATION—IF THE heirs of Frederick Marvey, deceased, who was a Riverman at St. Louis, Mo., about thirty years ago, and supposed to have come from or near Pittsburgh, will address McE. F. POLLOCK, Attorney, 806 Pine, St. Louis, Mo., they will learn something to their advantage.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

WANTED—A PARTNER—EITHER Active, Silent or Special, with cash capital of $12,000 to $15,000, to invest in an old and well established Manufacturing Business. Will show good profits and good reasons for selling. Finance is good security. Address, in real name, PROF. Commercialoffice. Tus

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—THREE SMALL HOUSES in the Twelfth ward, cheap. Address OWNER, Box 14, this office.

FOR SALE—LEATHER AND RUBber Belting, Hose and Oils of every description. Send for Price List. J. D. FORD & CO., 14 Water street.

FOR SALE—BURIAL LOT—BEST LOcation in Allegheny Cemetery; size, 12x15 feet, inclosed. For terms address Box 198 Cumberland, Md.

FOR SALE—TWELVE NEW AND second-hand Engines, 2 Portables, 6 second-hand Engine Lathes, on Canal, near 10th, corner of Lacock and Sandusky streets, Allegheny.

FOR SALE OR RENT—LEAD WORKS —The Citizens' White Lead Works, corner of Forty-third and Butler streets, Pittsburgh. Apply to CUDDY, corner of Eighth street and Duquesne way.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, ON THE LINE of the Pennsylv

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1876.

THE total foreign imports at Philadelphia, last month, amounted to $1,061,126.

THE Democratic State Convention meets next Wednesday to perfect the necessary arrangements for a proper participation in the family funeral of next November.

OUR local Democratic contemporary complains of a bad smell in the air. It arises from the resuscitated corpse of the "Lost Cause." The Republicans, however, have hired an undertaker.

THE *Post* appears to be terribly cast down over the defeat of MARCY, Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire, the man who in 1863 consigned ABRAHAM LINCOLN to everlasting infamy.

CONSISTENCY is a jewel of the first water. BLACKBURN savagely protests against the investigation of PENDLETON'S private business, and the House has ordered KILBOURNE to jail for refusing to disclose his private business affairs.

THE bill now before Congress to appoint a commission to devise measures for preventing the ravages of insects, should be amended so as to include the Presidential maggot. It is far more destructive than the Colorado beetle, the chinch bug or the tobacco worm.

FROM the last report of the English Peabody Fund, just published, it appears that the original donation of half a million sterling has now been increased by interest and profits on the bonds, to £612,053. Such results must do good to philanthropic old GEORGE'S bones.

IT IS suggested that PENDLETON'S contract with himself, he standing in a fiduciary capacity toward the Kentucky Central Railroad Company and the estate of which he was executor, would be held void in any court of equity, and that the money can never be recovered from him. If not, why not?

THE English papers got terribly worked up a week or two ago over a report concerning a delegation of American citizens said to be then on the way to England for the purpose of formally waiting upon the Prime Minister and presenting a petition

FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 17, 1876.

The money market continues to exhibit its usual features of plethora and quiet Bankers are seeking after prime paper, and the desire to find employment for their idle funds has increased during the past week, since the national banks have made their statements. These statements, so far as can be judged by cursory examination, show an easy condition and undoubted strength of reserve, rather more so, perhaps, than was shown by the statement of December 17, 1875. The consequence of the seeking of investments by capitalists is a visible softening in rates, as a general thing, although some classes of mercantile paper are offering so freely as to strengthen rates on them. Some loans were made on collaterals at 5@6 per cent.; but nearly all the business was done at 7@9 per cent., none but the best gilt-edged paper being taken at the lower figure. Exchange on New York continues abundant, ruling at par between the banks and from par to one-twentieth per cent. premium to outside buyers.

—In our report of the merchant bar iron market published in the COMMERCIAL yesterday, some expressions of leading iron men were repeated with reference to the cutting of prices on the part of certain firms. That portion of the remarks relative to such firms going into bankruptcy, has, we learn, been construed to apply to the case of Zug & Co. We hardly think that no such application was intended by us, as it is not the province of a newspaper to deal with individual instances; but it may be stated with regard to Zug & Co. that their books and correspondence show that their course has been diametrically opposed to the cutting of rates. The course of that firm both previous to, and in connection with their recent suspension, has been eminently honorable and upright. We are authorized to say that rumors concerning offers of composition made by them to their creditors are entirely without foundation, as they are not prepared to make any offer at present.

—We learn from New York that it is proposed to reorganize the National Bank of the State of New York, and to resume on one-half its former capital. A meeting of the directors of the institution was held yesterday to examine into its condition. Concerning the subject, together with an interesting legal point brought up by the failure, the *Journal of Commerce* says:

It would certainly be wise on the part of the directors fully to satisfy themselves and all parties interested as to the actual condition of the bank before attempting to resume. So far as the public are informed the only thorough investigation which has recently been made by the bank by the Bank Examiner, Mr. Meigs. Not one of the present board of directors has been in a position before to-day to ascertain for himself anything positive in regard to the bank. As each and all will be held to a strict accountability, to the stockholders at least, for the faithful discharge of the trust assumed, common prudence would dictate that the exact condition of the institution be first ascertained. Then, if permission is obtained from the Comptroller of the Currency, business may be resumed.

The question as to the responsibility of certified checks has again been brought up by the failure of the Bank of the State of New York. On Tuesday morning, before the actions taken by the Clearing House was known at the bank, a number of checks had been certified. Among the rest was one for $50,000, drawn by a banking firm on the street to the holder of a draft upon them from a Philadelphia bank. The holder of the check must look to the bank for redress, for he accepted the certification in receiving the money. The editor of the *Journal of Commerce*, in a recently published decision, says:

"The certification is a mere transfer of the obligation from the drawer of the check to the holder. A, who drew the check, is not responsible to any one for it after the receiver had it certified, and it is a mere act of the present owner, having no preference over any other obligation or the institution."

—The Montreal *Journal of Commerce* thus philosophizes on the condition of business in that market: "The exhibition of quiet and inactivity which appears as yet to characterize the trade of the country should rather encourage than depress us regarding the future; it shows that more than usual discretion on the part of all branches of the distributing trade is being exercised, and that houses who have any care for themselves are looking more into the character of the business they do than at the amount. As the scrutiny of credit must certainly restrict the total amount of business done, the result meantime must be improving, and, in the end, beneficial."

—The following stocks were sold this evening at the Real Estate and Stock Sales rooms of Thos. F. Stewart, 65 Fifth avenue, corner of Wood street:

Second National Bank	$105
Allegheny National Bank	61
Exchange National Bank	97
German National Bank	155 25
Union National Bank	161
National Bank of Commerce	125
Wall Street Bridge	41 25

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

March 17, 1876.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:30 M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.
Gold	114⅛	114⅜	114⅛	114⅛	114⅛
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.	122⅝	122⅝			
5-20's, 1865	119⅜	119⅜			
5-20's, 1865, new	119⅜	119¼			
5-20's, 1867, registered	121¼	121¼			
5-20's, 1867, coupon	121⅜	121⅜			
5-20's, 1868	118	118			
10-40's, registered	116⅜	116⅜			
10-40's, coupons	116⅜	116⅜			
Currency 6's	126	126			
New 5 per cents	118⅜	118⅝			
Western Union Tel.	67¾	67¾	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝
Quicksilver	17¾	17¾			
Pacific Mail		22½	22	21⅞	21½
Panama	133			133	
Adams Express	86				
Wells-Fargo Express	86½				
American Express	58				
United States Exp's	73¾			74	
New York Central	118			118	118⅛
Erie	21¾			20⅝	19⅝
Michigan Central	64¾	64¾	64¼	64¼	64¼
Michigan Southern	63¾	64	64	64	64
Illinois Central	103⅜			102½	
Cleveland & Pittsb'gh	90				
Chicago & Northwest	42¾	42¾	43		43⅛ 42⅜
Do. preferred					70
Rock Island	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝	110⅜
St. Paul common	39	39	39	39	39
Do. preferred	84	84⅜	83¾	84	82 84⅛
Wabash common			21¾		
Fort Wayne				104	
Ohio & Mississippi	20¾	20¾	20¼	20¼	20¼
Union Pacific	66½			66½	66
Harlem	125½			125	
Hannibal & St. Jos.	18¼			18¼	
Atlantic & Pac. pref					43
Do. common				26¾	
C. C. & I. C.				4	4
Missouri Pacific					14½
S. Carolina 4 per c.		36			
N. Carolina 6's		34½			
Missouri 6's	103½				

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central			56¾
Reading			51⅝
United Co.'s of N. J.			149
Oil Creek			14½
Lehigh Valley			62¾
Central Transportation			48¾

[By Associated Press.]
Gold Closed at 114⅜.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Money active at 3-16 per cent., and interest closing at 3. Prime mercantile paper 5@6 per cent. Customs receipts $248,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $131,038. Clearings $18,900,000. Sterling firm at 483½@490.

GOLD.

Gold opened at 114¾ advanced to 114¾ and closed at 114⅜. Carrying rates 1@1 per cent.; loans also made flat.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds closed steady after a fractional advance in some cases. Railroad bonds generally quiet. State bonds and state securities dull. Stocks opened weak and lower, the decline ranging from ¼ to 1¼ per cent., the latter in the Pacific Mail. St. Paul fluctuated freely on dividend and rumors about sinking fund and an injunction. The stock Exchange was somewhat disturbed by rumors growing out of large sales of stock of the National Bank of Commerce. After the close of business it transpired that the sales were made by one of the new board of directors of the Bank of the State of New York, who is transferring his money to the latter institution. The buyer of the stock is a well-known capitalist, thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Belmont, the newly elected President of the Bank of the State of New York, states that after a very strict examination of the accounts and assets it is found that the bank will be able to more than meet its liabilities. The bank will probably open for business Monday next. During the last hour of business stocks were irregular, but changes were confined within narrow limits. Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent., payable the 27th of April. The transfer books close March 25. Transactions, 133,000 shares, of which 14,000 were Pacific Mail, 32,000 Western Union, 8,000 Northwestern, 27,000 St. Paul, 12,000 Erie and 24,000 Lake Shore. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.	
W. U. Telegraph	67¾
Pacific Mail	21¾
Adams Express	107½
Wells-Fargo Ex	86
American Ex	63½
U. S. Express	71
New York Central	118¼
Erie	19½
Do. preferred	36
Harlem	124½
Do. preferred	134
Mich. Central	64
Lake Shore	64
Illinois Central	102¾
Cleve. & Pitts	90½
Northwestern	42¾
Do. preferred	84
N. J. Central	107
Rock Island	110¼
Toledo & Wabash	21
GOVERNMENTS.	
U. S. coupons, 1881	122¾
5-20's, 1865	119¼
5-20's, 1865, new	119¾
5-20's, 1867	121¾
5-20's, 1868	122¼
STATE BONDS.	
Tennessee, old	43
Tennessee, new	42
Virginia, old	34

LONDON, March 17, 5 P. M.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £15,000. Consols for money 94 3-16, account 94 3-16. United States 5-20's, 1865, 105½; do 1867, 108; do 10-40's, 106; new 5's, 1874, 108; Hall Carbon securities—New York Central 104; Erie 17⅝; preferred 32.

Business at the Stock Exchange was almost stationary during the forenoon session. Another failure was announced this afternoon, making twenty-one on settlement. No more can be expected in connection with this account, so that the worst is over. There was a slightly better feeling in the home railways at the close, but there were no buyers, and so there was no recovery in prices. Foreign securities continued steady. American Government securities have been generally steady and firm, prices closing at about last week's figures or slightly higher. Erie, both common and preferred, experienced a sharp rise during the early part of the week in sympathy with the corresponding advance at the New York Stock Exchange; but there has been something of a reaction since, though quotations are fully one and a-half pence higher than last week. Government securities have been unusually steady and there are no changes of note to record.

PARIS, March 17.—Rentes 65 francs 20 centimes.

FRANKFORT, March 17.—United States bonds—New 5's 103¾.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—Gold 114¾. Sight ¼ premium. Sterling 26¾.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, March 17, 1876.

The activity of trade among the wholesale and commission houses was somewhat interfered with by the celebration of the Irish festival, and considerably by the very disagreeable weather which kept buyers at home and was unfavorable to the handling of merchandise. The general condition of the market was steady, and while there were a few movements in values they were not very decided. Grain, flour and feed circles were quiet and unchanged, except that oats are a little weaker, while corn is firm. Produce was moderately active, with an advance in butter, a firmer feeling in eggs and cheese, and a sharp upward movement in timothy seed. Provisions and groceries did a fairly active trade at unchanged values. Petroleum was dull and quiet at steady prices. Other lines of trade were steady and unchanged.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce, in the city, since our last, are as follows:

Flour, bbls	1,597	Apples, bbls	25
Corn, bus	825	Butter pkgs	63
Oats, bus	3,100	Bacon, tons	48
Barley, bus	70	Hay, bales	265

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—There was a very moderate movement in the grain trade, and the market was, as a general thing, flat and unchanged. Corn continued scarce and firm, with shelled especially high, while oats were weak and about 1c lower. Wheat was steady and unchanged. We quote Michigan white at 1 40@1 45; Pennsylvania and Ohio red winter at 1 36@1 38; amber at 1 36@1 39; Northwestern red at 1 32@1 40; low grades are dull and neglected at $1 10@1 22; rejected do 90c@$1 10, as to quality; a quiet feeling prevails in spring wheat, No. 1 ruling at $1 27@1 30. Corn is rather scarce and some pretty brought very fair prices. The demand was not very large but was rather in excess of the supply; 2 car corn in sacks, on the wharf, sold at 56c. We quote shelled at 51@52c for yellow; 54@55c for high-mixed; 47@49c for low-mixed; prime Kansas do 53@55c; new car 50@52c for yellow; mixed 47@49c. Oats were dull and weak, with quotations about 1c off from former prices. The volume of receipts has been rather below the average, but it is in excess of requirements. We quote mixed Pennsylvania and Ohio at 36@36c; white do at 41@42c; Western white 40@41c. Barley is very stagnant at former quotations; Canada is held at $1 16@1 20 ₱ bushel; prime spring at $1 09@1 10; common to prime 85@99c. Rye is quiet and easy at 70@80c ₱ bushel. Jobbing sales were made at the usual advance.

FLOUR—The market is quiet, with quotations for choice brands of family flour firm and unchanged. The rates current are as follows, being the wholesale trade of the leading dealers for standard brands of flour: Superfine, $4 50@4 75; low extra or winter wheat flour $5 00@5 25; white wheat $5 50@7 25; Wisconsin is quoted at $6 00@6 25; Minnesota $6 50@6 75; fancy St. Louis $7 25@8 50; choice patents $8 50@9 00; red win er wheat flour is active at $6 00@6 25; Graham flour $6 00@6 75; self-raising flour, in 5 lb packages, $5 25@6 00; cornmeal 80c ₱ barrel; extra do $3 50@3 75; rye flour $5 00@5 25 ₱ bbl. Buckwheat flour 2½@2¾c ₱ lb for wholesale and jobbing business.

HAY—The supply is still excessive and prices continue depressed. We quote upland prairie at $10 00@13 00 ₱ ton; No. 1 timothy $16 00@17 00; No. 2, $14 00@15 00.

FEED—There is a dull and depressed feeling at unchanged figures. We quote nominally: Bran $15 00@16 00 ₱ ton; seconds and shipstuff, $16 00@18 00; middlings and chopped feed $20 00@22 00.

Country Produce.

APPLES—There is a rather quiet but steady jobbing demand at unchanged prices. Values are strong at $4 50@4 75 per barrel for choice; prime $4 00@4 25 ₱ bbl; mixed lots range from $2 50@3 50 ₱ bbl.

APPLE BUTTER—The market is steady. We quote business in 30 gallon bbls at 7½@7½c ₱ gallon.

BEANS—The jobbing demand was steady though rather slow and limited. We quote prime white navy from first hands at 1 15@1 20 ₱ bushel; in a jobbing way at 1 20@1 25.

BEESWAX—The inquiry was only moderate and sales were limited. We quote at 30@33c ₱ pound.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The market is very dull. We quote prices easy at $3 00@3 25 ₱ cwt.

BUTTER—The stock of choice table grades is still insufficient to meet the requirements of the jobbing trade, and prices rule firm and advanced. We quote the best qualities of gilt-edged, fancy at 36@37c in packages; choice 30@34c; common to fair rules at 15@28c.

CIDER—There is a rather quiet market. We quote at $5 00@6 00 ₱ barrel.

CRANBERRIES—There is a firm market with scarce. Prices are firm at $3 00@8 00 per barrel, as to quality and condition; $5 00 for standard.

CHEESE—There is a somewhat firmer feeling in the cheese market, with a fair demand at slightly improved values. 300 boxes not strictly prime Ohio factory sold yesterday at 13c. We quote jobbing prices as follows: New York Goshen 14½@15c; prime 30 tubs to factory 13½@13½c ₱ lb.

DRIED FRUITS—We quote common to choice apples at 9@11c; sliced, 10@11c. Peaches—Halves 12@13c; peeled 19@21c. Blackberries 14c. Huckleberries 16@20c. Raspberries 30@35c. Cherries, pitted, 25@28c; unpitted 8@9c per ₱.

EGGS—The supply is rather lighter and the market shows more strength at 13@13½c per dozen for strictly fresh.

FLOUR—We quote prime 1874's at 18@20c ₱ ₱; medium 15@16c; low grades nominal.

HOMINY—The supply exceeds the demand. We quote at $4 00@4 25 ₱ bbl. Jobbing way: $4 75@4 00 in round lots.

HONEY—Good dozen box honey is steady at 25 @28c ₱ ₱. California is quoted at 20c ₱ ₱.

MAPLE SYRUP—Receipts are increasing but the demand is fair and unchanged at 70@75c per gallon jug. Maple sugar ruled at 11c per pound.

NUTS—Peanuts are in fair request at easy prices; prime white Tennessee nuts rule at 6@ 7½c, according to quality; Virginia, 7½@8c; shellbarks are easy at $1 25@1 50 ₱ bu shel; walnuts depressed at 30@40c ₱ bushel; hazelnuts $3 50@4 00 ₱ bushel. Peanuts are in limited demand and in light stock at 10½@11c.

ONIONS—There is a somewhat improved demand and prices are steady. We quote at $1 50 @1 75 ₱ barrel.

POULTRY—The market is firm. We quote dressed chickens at 13@14c ₱ ₱; turkeys 16@ 18c; geese nominally 9@10c; live chickens by the coop 6@6½c per pair.

POTATOES—Receipts are not quite so liberal this week, but the market shows no tendency toward an advance, and continues at its former depressed stage. We hear of a few sales from first hands at 30@35c ₱ bushel; store sales were made at the usual advance. Sweet potatoes $3 50 ₱ barrel.

SEEDS—The market is stronger with a sharp advance, especially on clover seed. The latter was very scarce, nearly all dealers having sold out, and under the influence of the strong Western markets, there was considerable buying of 2,500@2c. We quote jobbing prices of which character was all the business done, at 4@5 70@6 00 ₱ bushel; timothy seed in small round lots: timothy seed is easy at $2 65@2 75 ₱ bushel; in a jobbing way at $3 00@3 25 for 1 60 in a small way; onion sets $3 00@3 50 ₱ bushel.

VINEGAR—Market well supplied. We quote country stock 15@20c ₱ gallon; best city make, No. 2, at 15c ₱ gallon with pay for barrels.

Provisions.

Trade continues active with wholesale provision dealers, some of the houses reporting a sup ly of orders ahead. Prices are steady without material change.

BACON—There was a strong feeling at quotations which are as follows: Shoulders 10½c ₱ pound; short rib sides 13½@ 13¾c; clear side 14c.

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Bi-carb, in ½ pkgs	5¼c	S. S. Star, ₱ box	6 75
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Candles.		Gold Do	6 50
Star, full weight	17 c	Do. N. Y. City, ₱ ₱	6 50
Stearine	13¼c	German mottled do	7¼c
Mould	11@12 c	California, ₱ box	@1 20

Petroleum.

March 17.—There was a quiet and rather dull feeling in the petroleum trade all day without any important variation of either crude or refined.

CRUDE—The market to-day opened at the following: United $2 00; Conduit $2—02½; Union $1 97½. From the opening to the close the market was exceedingly dull, rigid and stubborn, neither receding nor advancing in price at any time during the day. There were comparatively very few transactions. Shipment ruled at about $2 20 with a firm disposition on the part of holders. Sales of shipment seem moderate as to the quantity.

REFINED—The sluggish tone of the crude markets and the unfavorable character of the Eastern advices, sent the refined market tame day back to its old condition of dullness and stagnation. There was no quotable decline in values, but the tendency, for the present, at least, is decidedly drooping. We quote standard white on the cars at 11@11½c for five hundred and thousand barrel lots, free on board at works, New York delivery rules at 14½c for prompt and the month. Philadelphia is quoted at 14½@14¾c for spot and March delivery. Baltimore rules at 14½@14¾c for prompt, and this months' delivery.

OIL BARRELS—Continue dull and unchanged at former prices, viz: $1 15@1 20 for city made; $1 05@1 10 for country do.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

TITUSVILLE, March 17.—The *Courier* says: The market was quiet and steady all day at $2 00@2 02¼ for United, and closed at $2 00. Union closed at $2 00 asked; Conduit was quoted at $2 00@2 01½; $1 96¾ was bid for Pennsylvania transportation, river division, and $1 90 for Karns and Relief. Upper road and shipment closed at $2 15. The total sales were 30,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, March 17.—The *Derrick* says: For United, spot, $2 02¼ was bid at the opening this morning, and $2 03¼ asked with limited business at both prices. The feeling then became weak and the market gradually declined to $1 98@1 99½. It then advanced to $2 01@2 reacted $1 99@2 and finally closed $2 00¼ declined to $1 99½ and finally closed quiet and steady at $2 00 bid and $2 00¾ asked. Shipment $2 15@2 17½. The total sales were 54,000 barrels.

PARKERS, March 17, closing 16.—There is no variation to the market and the export demand is in abeyance, but offerings are not urgent. Crude in bulk is quoted at 9¾@10c; refined in shipping order; refined 14½c; cases 18½@20c; naphtha is quoted at 10c for city. Shipments of refined rules at 14½c; at Philadelphia 14⅝c.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—Market quiet; standard white 14½@14⅝c; 70 cases 18c.

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ROUSSEVILLE, March 17.—Market quiet and steady; held at $2 15.

TIDIOUTE, March 17.—Market firm at $2 15 bid; $2 17½ asked.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 17.—Petroleum dull; crude 8½c; refined 14½c.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—Petroleum easy; crude in barrels 9c; refined 14½c.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—Petroleum nominally firm; crude 8½c; refined 14½c.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—Refined petroleum 11½d; spirits do 8s@8s 6d.

ANTWERP, March 17.—Refined petroleum 30½ francs.

CLEVELAND, March 17.—Petroleum firm; standard white, 110 degrees test, 11½c; prime white State test 12½c; in car lots, cash.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED BY A. V. R. R.

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Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
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Total		1,833

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WEST PENN STATION, March 16, 1876.

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Pennsylv'a O W	J B Tiford & Co, Phila	136
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W P Logan & Co.	John S Davis, Phila	250

IRON MARKETS.

Weekly Review of the Pig Iron and Bloom Market.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, March 18, 1876.

The market for pig metal cannot be said to be much different from what it was at the date of last report, the sales being confined mainly to lots required for immediate use, though we have heard of one or two contracts for delivery in April.

The amount offering for sale is still quite as much as the demand, but it is expected that the demand will improve in a short time and that better prices will be realized next month and in May than can now be obtained.

The manufacturers have been conferring together during this week, and it is supposed that the result will be a more firm adherence to prices than has prevailed for some time past. Red short Western iron is about $2 00 per ton below white iron of similar grade.

We are reported the following sales:

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE.

370 tons—a mixed lot	$20 50—4 mos
200 tons grey forge	22 00—4 mos
270 tons grey forge	21 00—4 mos
100 tons grey forge	21 00—Cash.
40 tons No. 1 foundry	24 00—4 mos

ANTHRACITE.

250 tons grey forge	$20 00—Cash.
200 tons grey forge	21 00—5 mos
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DRIED FRUITS—We quote common to choice apples at 9@11c; sliced, 10@11c. Peaches—Halves 12@13c; peeled 19@21c. Blackberries 14c. Huckleberries 16@20c. Raspberries 30@35c. Cherries, pitted, 25@28c; unpitted 8@ 9c per ₱.

EGGS—The supply is rather lighter and the market shows more strength at 13@13½c per dozen for strictly fresh.

FLOUR—We quote prime 1874's at 18@20c ₱ ₱; mediums 15@16c; low grades nominal.

HOMINY—The supply exceeds the demand. We quote at $4 00@4 25 ₱ bbl. Jobbing way: $4 75@4 00 in round lots.

HONEY—Good dozen box honey is steady at 25 @28c ₱ ₱. California is quoted at 20c ₱ ₱.

MAPLE SYRUP—Receipts are increasing but the demand is fair and unchanged at 70@75c per gallon jug. Maple sugar ruled at 11c per pound.

NUTS—Peanuts are in fair request at easy prices; prime white Tennessee nuts rule at 6@ 7½c, according to quality; Virginia, 7½@8c; shellbarks are easy at $1 25@1 50 ₱ bu shel; walnuts depressed at 30@40c ₱ bushel; hazelnuts $3 50@4 00 ₱ bushel. Peanuts are in limited demand and in light stock at 10½@11c.

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POULTRY—The market is firm. We quote dressed chickens at 13@14c ₱ ₱; turkeys 16@ 18c; geese nominally 9@10c; live chickens by the coop 6@6½c per pair.

POTATOES—Receipts are not quite so liberal this week, but the market shows no tendency toward an advance, and continues at its former depressed stage. We hear of a few sales from first hands at 30@35c ₱ bushel; store sales were made at the usual advance. Sweet potatoes $3 50 ₱ barrel.

SEEDS—The market is stronger with a sharp advance, especially on clover seed. The latter was very scarce, nearly all dealers having sold out, and under the influence of the strong Western markets, there was considerable buying of 2,500@2c. We quote jobbing prices of which character was all the business done, at 4@5 70@6 00 ₱ bushel; timothy seed is easy at $2 65@2 75 ₱ bushel; in a jobbing way at $3 00@3 25 for 1 60 in a small way; onion sets $3 00@3 50 ₱ bushel.

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OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., Room 58, First National Bank, PITTSBURGH, PA., March 17, 1876.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M..	29.476	32	100	N. W.	Fresh.	Lt&s'w
2 P. M..	29.522	30	85	N. W.	Brisk.	Ltsn'w
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Mean barometer....29.624 Highest thermom....48
Mean thermom.... 25.5 Lowest thermom....32
Rainfall..... .07

Rising Sun Flour
Takes the lead.

B. F. Kennedy, Esq.

The card of this gentleman will be found in another column, announcing that he is a candidate for Prothonotary. During the years that Mr. Kennedy has held the office he has given such abundant evidence of his peculiar fitness for the position as to call forth the warmest encomiums from the Judges of our courts and the members of the bar.

Workhouse Prisoners.

Twelve prisoners were taken to the Workhouse yesterday, on the train which left the West Penn Depot at eleven o'clock A. M. Four were brought from New Castle, five sentenced by our courts, two from the Pittsburgh Mayor's office and one from Allegheny. After the New Castle fellows had been loaded, the officer in charge discovered that one of them was missing, in the person of an old man who had been found guilty of keeping a bawdy house and sentenced to six months. He was not handcuffed and slipped off unobserved when the rest were getting on the train.

The St. Cloud.

This popular Philadelphia Hotel is centrally located, on Arch street, above Seventh. The hotel has always been a favorite with Western people, and to make it more attractive than ever the proprietor, G. W. Mullin, has added thirty sleeping rooms, elegantly furnished, and a ladies' parlor on the first floor. There is also a splendid elevator, and the Hotel is first-class in every respect. Terms, $5 per day. Mr. J. T. Skiles is cashier. Mr. W. T. Brightwell and Mr. T. W. Steele, both formerly connected with Pittsburgh hotels, are now at the St. Cloud.

For State Senator.

We print elsewhere the card of the Hon. George H. Anderson, announcing himself a candidate for renomination in the Forty-third Senatorial district. Mr. Anderson has served six years in the State Senate, and has discharged his duties in a manner so creditable to himself and so satisfactory to his constituents, that his friends are fully justified in pressing his claims for a renomination. His large experience in business, his prompt discharge of every official duty, his sound judgment in dealing with public questions, and the personal influence which attaches to so many years of service, are all potent arguments in favor of his retention. He is not only thoroughly booked up in legislation, but is otherwise competent and well qualified to discharge the duties of the position. He has the advantage of having been tried and found worthy—an advantage too often overlooked, too highly regarded in filling public positions.

Cut-Door Relief in Allegheny.

To obtain relief from the Poor Directors of Allegheny the applicant must procure a certificate from three respectable and well-known citizens to the effect that they are personally acquainted with the bearer, and from personal knowledge know that he is in want of the necessities of life, and that his wants are caused by circumstances over which he has no control. Appended to the certificate is the following notice:

Notice to the Citizens—Applications for relief having become much more numerous than in past years, it is the more important that due vigilance be exercised by the Directors of the Poor, that the public charity be properly dispensed. The Directors desire to relieve in every instance all way the destitute, sick and helpless who are found worthy of assistance. They therefore respectfully ask the citizens who may be called upon to sign the following recommendation, to read it carefully and to use their best judgment before they affix their signatures. The Directors must depend, in a great measure, upon the statements which are made them by those who live near to and are therefore best acquainted with the respective applicants and their circumstances. It is the duty, as well of the citizens as of the Directors of the Poor, to protect the city from imposition, should relief be sought by those who are not justly entitled thereto.

THE WATER WORKS INQUIRY.

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The Extension of the Pipe Contract.

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The House Committee had another session yesterday, and heard some half dozen witnesses who had been subpœnaed by the people's lawyers, Messrs. Mellon and Robb.

WM. SMITH'S STATEMENT.

Wm. Smith sworn—Had a contract for making water pipes for the city; I agreed to furnish pipe at eighty-three dollars per ton, the delivery to be continued to the first of June, 1874; don't know how much I had delivered up to that time; got an extension after the first of June; had more than three-fourths delivered before that time; was to receive the same price for the pipes after the extension as before; when the contract was made the price of metal was about fifty dollars per ton; it had declined somewhat at the time of the extension, but I had purchased my metal at the high prices; the City Inspector inspected and weighed the pipes; none of them were turned over without being weighed and inspected; didn't see all the pipes inspected, but believe them all to have stood the test; two were cracked by unloading; about two-thirds of all the pipe is still above ground.

We were not retarded in our work by delays of the city, but we didn't have to hurry; our contract was for nearly a million dollars. I intend to deliver the pipes to their destination; the money has all been paid except $2,500, one-half of which will pay for distributing the pipe; I never gave any notes, money or any other inducement to the committee or any body else to get the contract, or an extension of the same. At the time of the extension there could not have been $200,000 saved by reletting the contract.

To Mr. Smith—I broke up with that contract on my hand; don't think it possible to have got the pipe made any cheaper at the time, or even at the time of the extension; think the trouble is all in consequence of the panic.

TESTIMONY OF R. H. SMITH.

R. H. Smith sworn—The majority of the pipes were made before the contract expired; there was not a very material decline in either iron, coal or labor; the City Inspector considered a great many; there were some found cracked by rolling into the ditches on Center avenue; not one was soldered up as charged.

To Mr. Smith—That was a fair, prudent and economical contract for the city.

To Mr. Robb—There were but two dissenting members of the committee to the extension; Mayor McCarthy is one; don't remember.

To Mr. Smith—My father offered to do the work on a sliding scale, but the indications were that the price of metal would advance; there were eleven bids; ours was the lowest.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED.

Mr Robb offered in evidence a letter by Mr. Smith to the Water Committee proposing, in view of the prospective decline in metal, to do the work on a sliding scale.

Mr. Wm. Smith recalled—I wrote a letter to induce the city to take the chances on a change in the price of metal.

WEIGHING AND TESTING ALL RIGHT.

Thomas B. Cupples sworn—I was employed by the City Inspector; I was the engineer; I assisted at the work all the time; no bad pipes were passed; we hunted a good many. There was no difficulty between Mr. Smith and the city; the Inspector passed none that did not weigh right; some were sent back to be tested to 28; don't know of any money passing through H. B. Long or anybody else for any purpose except the payment of wages; never saw any pipe filled with solder or anything else to stop the cracks; the pipes were all of the proper weight.

To Mr. Smith—My instructions from Mr. Smith were to test all work up to the specifications in the pipe contract; the Inspector passed no pipe when he was not in condition to do his work properly; I was in the employ of Wm. Smith & Son.

WEIGHING AND TESTING NOT ALL RIGHT.

Mr. Geo. Markle sworn—I was weigh-master; some of the pipes were not put to the test; the inspectors were Alexander Chambers and C.K. Dickson; have discovered defects in pipe turned over; saw pipe that were plugged and the honey combed parts filled up with tar or something of that kind; there were honeycombed until you could stick your finger in the hole; don't know whether they would have stood a full test or not; the honeycombing was in the bell of the pipe; they were passed as low as 250 pounds, 300 pounds was the full test; the chimney would not test to 300 pounds all the time; Smith & Son furnished the testing apparatus; I think they were not coated according to the specifications.

Mr. Markle—The pipes were not examined and treated as required before dipping; the coating was made according to flag, pace specification; coal tar alone was used; there was no measure to tell whether they were dipped up to 300 degrees; the pitch was not as hot as required; neither was there any inspection of the bells; the pipes were not remaining in the bath at least thirty minutes they were simply dipped in and drawn out; the heavy pipes they fell short of the proper weight; I was the weigh-master; pipe was passed as 360 pounds which would weigh over 360 pounds; some of the small pipe fell short as high as fifty pounds; the large pipe fell short as many as 80 pounds sometimes, others not so much, while some were full weight; all pipe was weighed separately.

To Mr. Smith—It was not my business to weigh in the city; was in the employ of Wm. Smith & Son; I do say that pipe was passed as I have stated; it was my duty to see that the pipe was cleaned; for that reason I did my duty according to my instructions from Henry Smith; am not in the employ of Wm. Smith; there were a number of pipe, fifty in one day, that never had an inspection; I passed